THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

**Regularisation of Employees**

6448. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given on March 20, 1990 to Unstarred Question No.1140 regarding regularisation of Railway Staff and state:

(a) the details of railway employees regularised so far on the basis of rulings of the Central Administrative Tribunal delivered on May 23, 1989 in case of Km. Usha Kumari Anand; and

(b) the various measures adopted to implement the said rulings comprehensively and the details of outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) With a view to implement the said rulings comprehensively, necessary instructions were issued to Railway Administrations in February, 1990.

[*English*]

**Passenger amenities at Palasa Station, SE Railways**

6449. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether passenger amenities available at the Palasa Station, South Eastern Railway need improvement; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken/ proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Improvement to passenger amenities is a continuous process. Adequate amenities already exist at Palasa Station and no work is proposed for the present.

**Dues OF N.T.P.C.**

6450. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has expressed serious concern over the arrears due to the National Thermal Power Corporation; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken in finding a solution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES(SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir. The World Bank has expressed serious concern about the outstanding dues of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC). As on 31st July, 1991, the outstanding dues of NTPC from various State Electricity Boards stands at Rs.1733.93 crores.

(b) The Central Government has been advising the State Governments/State Electricity Boards to clear the over dues of the Central Undertakings. It has been decided by the Central Government to recover the outstanding dues as on 31.5.90 in 4 annual instalments. The instalments of 1990-91

amounting to Rs.255 crores have already been received in three instalments viz. August, 1990, September, 1990 and October, 1990. A sum of Rs.84.39 crores pertaining to the instalments due in 1991-92 has been received in August, 1991. Further, the concerned State Government have been requested that the balance of the overheads from their State Electricity Boards to Central Undertakings may be cleared early. The position is being closely monitored.

**Umrongso Ousters in Assam**

6451. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES BE pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons displaced from the project area at Umrongso in N.E. Hills District of Assam; and

(b) the number of persons provided employment and rehabilitated out of them, community-wise and category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES(SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Eight hundred ninety four families have been directly or indirectly affected due to construction of Kopili HEP at Umrongso in North Cachar Hills district of Assam.

(b) Apart from being paid cash compensation as assessed by District Council of North Cachar Hills, these persons have been settled on land provided by District Council. One high school building with teachers' quarters and public play ground were constructed by the NEEPCO. A number of small contracts were also given to affected persons during construction of the project.

The total number of tribal persons employed at Umrongso at present is 54. Category-wise details of these persons are as under:

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| - Grade III (Ministerial): | 12 |
| - Grade IV : | 42 |

Community-wise details are not being maintained by the Corporation.

**Transfer of Transmission work to NPTC**

6452. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI:Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES BE pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are proposing to entrust the transmission works of projects under North Eastern Electric Power Corporation to the National Power Transmission Corporation Limited;

(b) if so, whether the State Governments as well as North Eastern Electric Power Corporation, Assam State Electricity Board were consulted in this regard;

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to consult them now; and

(d) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES(SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The work relating to transmission lines and associated sub-stations will be taken over by NPTC in a phased manner from various Central generating organisations including North Eastern Electric Power Corporation. The modalities for such transfer will be finalised in consultation with the concerned Organisations.